



Monthly Newsletter | April 2026

Dear Members & Friends,

As of April 1, I stepped into the role of **Chair** of the CoreNet Global Middle East Chapter. It is a privilege to serve one of the most vibrant and steadily growing chapters within the global CoreNet community.

I would like to thank **Savaş Çizmeçi** for his leadership and continued support. I am pleased thatavaş will remain involved as **Immediate Past Chair**, helping ensure continuity as we move forward.

Many of you will have received my member letter by email on April 9. I wanted to use this space to briefly build on that message and share a short update.

Over the past few weeks, work has been underway to prepare the chapter for its next phase, including refreshing the leadership and committee structure. We will share the full details during our **in-person event on April 23 in Dubai**. It has been a long time since many of us were last together, and this event feels like the right moment to reconnect and restart the conversations that matters. If you have not registered yet, I encourage you to join us on the 23rd.

Looking ahead, member involvement remains central. Committees open for participation include Membership, Programs and Special Events, Partnerships, Communications, and Young Leaders and Academia. To get involved or share ideas, please reach out at MiddleEastChapter@corenetglobal.org.

The resilience of this region and its people continues to stand out and reminds us why connection and mutual support matter. As I always say, this is our club. The more we engage, the stronger it becomes.

I hope to see many of you on April 23.

Samer Mahdi
Chapter Chair



Upcoming Events

23 April 2026

The Longevity Edge: Designing Workspaces that help Humans Thrive
Dubai

[Register](#)

13 May 2026

Movement by Design: Applying WELL Features to Create healthier, High-Performing Workplaces
Dubai

[Register](#)

8-10 September 2026

CoreNet Global Summit EMEA
Munich

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26-28 October 2026

CoreNet Global Summit North America
Chicago

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Event Spotlight

Is your office a static asset or a living ecosystem?

Join the **IAMC Middle East Chapter** and **Ninad Tipnis**, Founder of JTCPL Designs, for an exclusive, **live and in-person** exploration into the "Longevity Edge." Moving beyond standard sustainability checklists, Ninad introduces a systems-based framework that distinguishes between lifespan and healthspan in the built environment. Designed specifically for Corporate Real Estate leaders, this session reveals how human vitality and performance are becoming the primary drivers of asset value and leasing decisions. Discover how to transition from designing for density to designing for human ROI. Register today to join the conversation in person. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there for a high-impact morning of networking and insights!

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Venue Host



Honouring Our Outgoing Board Members



As we enter a new chapter for the CoreNet Global Middle East Board, it is important to pause and recognise the dedicated leaders who stood down at the end of March. Their contributions have been instrumental in shaping the professional community we enjoy today. A heartfelt thank you goes to:

Varun Agarwal: Our longstanding Secretary and Dubai Association Centre liaison. While Varun is stepping down from his formal role, we are fortunate that he will remain with us in an advisory capacity. His deep expertise in Chapter compliance and governance is an invaluable asset that we are pleased to retain.

Jack Cone: Former Sponsorship Co-Chair. Jack's vision and effort were instrumental in the Chapter's successful expansion, specifically in organising our very first events in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Sharon Withe: Former Sponsorship Chair. Sharon's leadership in building and maintaining our partner relationships has provided the financial and collaborative foundation necessary for our regional growth.

Ilona Holoborodko: Our Young Leaders Officer. Ilona's work in fostering the next generation of real estate professionals has ensured that our Chapter remains vibrant, inclusive, and forward-looking.

To **Varun, Jack, Sharon, and Ilona:** thank you for dedicating your time, your efforts, and your professional passion to CoreNet Global. You have left the Chapter stronger than you found it, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events as valued members of our community.



SURVEY OPEN

How should organisations effectively measure the success of the modern workplace? **Share your unique perspective** in this **global survey** conducted by Savills and help shape critical new research on the evolving role of the office within CRE strategy. Your professional insights will help the industry define the future metrics of workplace effectiveness. Take a few minutes to contribute to this essential study and help us redefine the true value of office space.

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WEBINAR

AI is redefining CRE operations, from automated data extraction to enhanced leasing support. This session will break down practical PropTech use cases, demonstrating exactly where AI delivers measurable value. Learn how to integrate these powerful tools into your daily workflows while navigating their limitations and ensuring responsible application. Join us on **22 April** to bridge the gap between emerging technology and effective professional implementation.

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Sponsor Spotlight



We are delighted to celebrate our continued partnership with **Diriyah Company**, our inaugural **Platinum** level sponsor and the gracious host of our recent landmark event in Riyadh, KSA. This collaboration represents a vital milestone for the Chapter's expansion within the Kingdom, underscoring our commitment to the Saudi real estate market. Diriyah Company's visionary leadership and unwavering support are instrumental in advancing our mission to foster innovation and professional excellence. Together, we are creating high-impact opportunities for the corporate real estate community to connect, share expertise, and drive the strategic evolution of the built environment across the entire Middle East region.

Interested to become a sponsor? Learn more about the benefits of partnering with the Middle East Chapter and elevate your

New Member Spotlight

We are delighted to welcome **Jeffrey Turner** to the Middle East Chapter as a new member. As the Regional Real Estate Manager for Philips (Middle East & Africa) based in Dubai, Jeffrey brings over a decade of expertise in workplace strategy, portfolio optimisation, and facilities management. With a background in mechanical engineering and early career experience managing critical infrastructure in Australian hospitals, he offers a unique technical perspective to our network. We look forward to his leadership in delivering high-performing, efficient work environments across the region.

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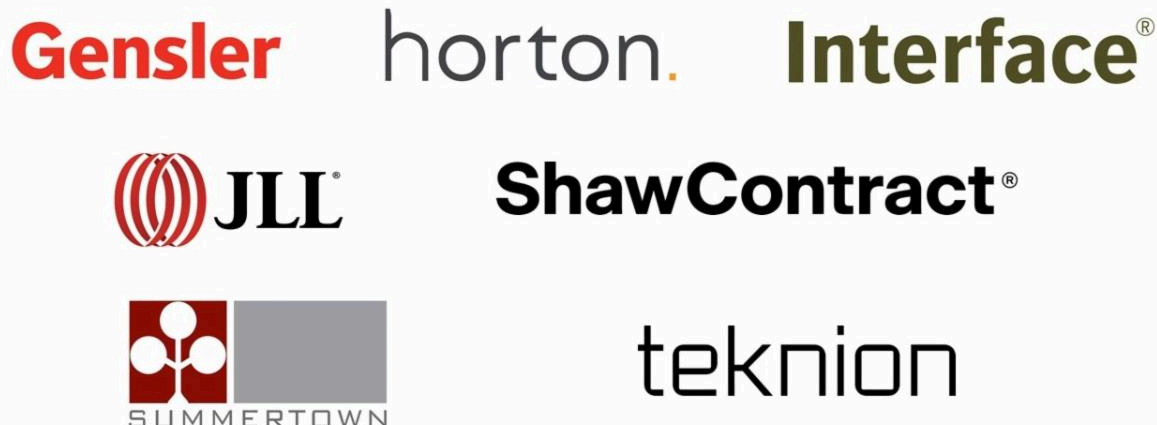
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